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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/521,410  
Applicant : Ullrich et al.  
Filed : January 18, 2005  
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Examiner : Peter J. Reddig

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Customer No. : 6449  
Confirmation No. : 7025

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Communication is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. The original due date for filing a response was February 3, 2010. Applicants request a one-month extension of time, which extends the due date to March 3, 2010. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed on or before March 3, 2010.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.